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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PBOR, NO, UR

SUBJECT: EVENSEN VISIT AND GREY ZONE AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) OSLO 1139; (B) STATE 44472

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NO COMMENTS ON SOVIET-
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NORWEGIAN GREY ZONE AGREEMENT OR DISCUSSED DETAILS OF
EVENSEN VISIT OTHER THAN ROUTINE EXCHANGES WITH OFFICIALS
OF NORWEGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE YOU MAY DRAW UPON
IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INQUIRY. YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED
TO CONVEY THIS GUIDANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

(A) MINISTER EVENSEN WAS RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FEBRUARY 17 FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL
INTEREST;

(B) THE US CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE SITUATION ON THE
NORTHERN FLANK CLOSELY;

(C) OUR POLICY IS BROAD SUPPORT FOR NORWAY;

(D) US VIEWS ON THE NORTHERN FLANK HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE
OUR OCTOBER BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN OSLO;

(E) WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF COMMENTING ON SOVIET-NORWEGIAN
BILATERAL ISSUES OR NEGOTIATIONS.

(F) IT WOULD BE HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR
US TO COMMENT ON
ANY MATTER OF BILATERAL CONCERN BETWEEN NORWAY
AND OTHER NATIONS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO STAALSETT VISIT (REF A), BRIEF CON-
VERSATIONS WITH POLICY PLANNING OFFICIAL AND EUR DESK
OFFICER DEALT WITH GENERAL US NORTHERN FLANK POLICY AND
SVALBARD, BUT DID NOT INCLUDE COMMENT ON SOVIET-NORWEGIAN
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GREY ZONE AGREEMENT. STAALSETT ALSO SAW EUR/RPM OFFICER.
NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR
STAALSETT DURING WASHINGTON PORTION OF STAALSETT'S VISIT.
STAALSETT WAS SCHEDULED TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN
NEW YORK WHERE HE MET AS WELL WITH NORWEGIAN UN DEPUTY
PERMREP VRAALSEN. VANCE

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